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SUBJ: CHANNEL TUNNEL WINS PARLIAMENTARY ACCEPTANCE

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1. GOVERNMENT WON 56 VOTE HOUSE OF COMMONS MAJORITY ON OCTOBER 25 FOR ITS WHITE PAPER PROPOSAL TO PROCEED WITH PHASE II OF ANGLO-FRENCH CHANNEL TUNNEL PROJECT. NEXT STEP WILL BE INTRODUCTION OF MONEY BILL IN PARLIAMENT WHEN NEW SESSION OPENS OCTOBER 30. IN VIEW SIZEABLE MAJORITY ON WHITE PAPER VOTE, PASSAGE OF MONEY BILL EXPECTED BEFORE NOVEMBER 15, THE DATE SET FOR CONCLUDING PHASE II TREATY ARRANGEMENTS WITH FRANCE.

2. EASY WIN ON CHANNEL TUNNEL VOTE CONTRASTS WITH NARROW SIX VOTE MAJORITY BY WHICH COMMONS APPROVAL GIVEN FOR CREATION OF MAPLIN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MDA) TO OVERSEE CONSTRUCTION OF THIRD LONDON AIRPORT. MDA BILL WOULD DOUBTLESSLY HAVE LOST HAD

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GOVERNMENT NOT PROMISED OBTAIN PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL

BEFORE MDA WOULD BE GIVEN POWER TO COMMIT FUNDS FOR
AIRPORT PROJECT. AT THIS STAGE, CHANNEL TUNNEL
PROJECT FIRMLY ON TRACK WHEREAS MAPLIN AIRPORT VERY
MUCH IN DOUBT.

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